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COTS Board of Directors
c/o COTS Board Chair Tim Halvorson
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416 Pine Street
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Dear COTS Board of Directors and UE Vermont:


We appreciate the very important role that COTS plays in our community and we hope that an agreement can soon be reached between the COTS Board, employees and the United Electrical Workers Union (UE).

Our understanding is that the UE has recently proposed an election process which is similar to that proposed by the COTS Board. In other words, the parties are close to an agreement as to the rules under which a union election should be held.

We strongly recommend that a meeting between the COTS Board of Directors, employees and the UE take place very soon so the differences between the two parties can be resolved as early as possible.

Sincerely,


PATRICK LEAHY
United States Senator


BERNIE SANDERS
United States Senator


PETER WELCH
United States Congressman